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Dear Sir,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the proposed settlement between Microsoft and the U.S. Department of Justice relating to the current antitrust activities.

As a consumer, the proposed settlement does not provide any effective remedies in the short term or more importantly, the long term.

Microsoft is leveraging their Operating System monopoly to support other Microsoft application software. Microsoft is accomplishing this by "bundling" other application software with the Operating System software. The other Microsoft application software should stand via their own merit. The Operating System monopoly, when "bundling" occurs, provides Microsoft with a clear unmatched advantage that allows Microsoft with the capability to "attack" competitors.

There is only one effective solution. This solution is to break Microsoft into at least two companies. One company would be the Operating System company and the other company would be the application software company. In addition, the application software company must be treated the same as any software development company by the Operating System company.

This is the only method that I see that can effectively level the playing field for all software developers.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask.

Thank you for your time.

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